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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, TWO FAMILIES (9 MEMBERS)
OF PENTECOSTAL FAITH ARE SITTING IN EMBASSY MOSCOW'S
CONSULAR SECTION AWAITING SOVIET DECISION TO ISSUE THEM
PASSPORTS TO LEAVE SOVIET UNION. EMBASSY IS DOING NOTHING
TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO STAY BUT IS NOT CONTEMPLATING THROWING
THEM OUT. IN PAST YEARS, THE EMBASSY HAS NOT FED SUCH
PEOPLE AND HAS TRIED TO PERSUADE THEM THAT EMBASSY CANNOT
HELP THEM AND THEY MUST LEAVE VOLUNTARILY. IN THIS
INSTANCE, APPARENTLY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, EMBASSY HAS
FED THESE PEOPLE ONE MEAL A DAY. AS ACCOMMODATION, THEY
ARE USING CONSULAR WAITING ROOM WHICH HAS BATHROOM FACILITIES. EMBASSY, AS IN OTHER CASES, HAS CALLED MFA TO OBTAIN
ASSURANCES THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES WILL NOT RETALIATE
AGAINST THEM FOR COMING TO THE EMBASSY, BUT THESE ASSURANCES
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ARE NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THIS GROUP. IT IS A BIG PROBLEM FOR MOSCOW. CHRISTOPHER

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